declining from this intended meeting, and from his lack of language and pretending to be unprovided of compliments, she answereth that it need no better answer than this, that a nobleman of England that hath seen France and Italy need never doubt to meet the best Dane or German in any place of Europe

GREAT RAINS

There have been great rams, lightning, tempest and had of admirable bigness, five miles and more about, which brake many of the windows of the colleges at Oxford, but wrought much more hurt to the fields by beating down the corn

$_{2}$<^i *July* THE EXECUTION OF THE DUKE OF BIRON

The Duke of Biron was condemned by the Court of Parliament of France for his treasons on the igth of this month to be publicly executed upon a scaffold in the Greve, but by order of the King he received the grace to die in the Bastille Whereupon the Chancellor and Chief President of the Court of Parliament went directly to the Bastille, where as soon as the Duke perceived them, he said to those about him,' Yonder cometh my death[9]

The Chancellor having willed him to deliver up the order, meaning the collar of knighthood, he answered, * Take it, I would I had never seen it' And as the President would have pronounced the sentence decreed that morning for his private execution, he would in no wise hear him, but interrupting Jim at every word received it with very great impatiency And as certain churchmen did admonish him to prepare himseli to death, he said unto them, < Make an end Do you not see that

villain staying for me ? '-meaning the
^ecutioner As he
went up to the scaffold he remembered one of
his sisters that
was with child, enquiring whether she were
deliveredo n o
then taking a diamond from his finger he
desired * *
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